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SUBJECT: PRESENCE OF GENERAL IN VANCE MEDEIROS  
SILVEIRA BILATERALS

REF: SECTO 06014

1. WE NOTE THAT ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS ON THE BRAZILIAN SIDE IN CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA WAS GENERAL OTAVIO AGUIAR DE MEDEIROS. FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, GENERAL MEDEIROS IS A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE SNI AND HEAD OF THE SNI SCHOOL. HE WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTACTS BETWEEN BRAZIL AND OTHER SOUTHERN CONE COUNTRIES AT SECRET MEETING OF SOUTHERN CONE MILITARY OFFICERS IN MAY TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE COORDINATED APPROACH IN OPPOSITION TO US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES.

2. BRAZILIAN REPORTERS QUERIED SILVEIRA ABOUT WHY MEDEIROS WAS A MEMBER OF THE BRAZILIAN DELEGATION AT THE OAS.

SILVEIRA RESPONDED ACCORDING TO ESTADO, "I WAS THE ONE WHO ASKED HIM TO PARTICIPATE BECAUSE GENERAL MEDEIROS HAS HELPED ME IN MANY THINGS. HE IS NOT ATTACHED DIRECTLY TO A MILITARY COMMAND AT THIS MOMENT AND I WAS THE ONE WHO ASKED THE PRESIDENT. HE PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING WITH CYRUS VANCE." THE REPORTER ALSO  
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ASKED IF THE GENERAL'S PRESENCE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH NATIONAL SECURITY, TERRORISM OR HUMAN RIGHTS TOPICS RAISED AT MEETINGS IN GRENADA.  
SILVEIRA RESPONDED OBLIQUELY SAYING "I WANT TO LEAVE THIS VERY CLEAR. THE INITIATIVE WAS EXCLUSIVELY MINE."

3. COMMENT. MORE LIKELY THE INCENTIVE WAS THE MILITARY'S RATHER

THAN SILVEIRA'S. WE CAN ONLY ASSUME MEDEIROS' PRESENCE AT THE TALKS  
WAS TO ASSURE THAT SILVEIRA FOLLOWED SUITABLY FIRM LINE ON SENSITIVE  
ISSUE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THAT ALL DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE REPORTED  
FULLY AND ACCURATELY TO SNI. END COMMENT.  
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